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# # ILLUSION!































WHEN THE HEAT OF THE ONRUSHING COMET BEGAN TO RAISE THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF EARTH, I MADE FOR MY REFUGE..."



"EVEN UNDERGROUND, I KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON ABOVE! THE GLOWING HEAT OF THE COMET MADE ALL BODIES OF WATER BOIL! IT BURNED THE



THEN, IN ONE MOMENT, THE LIFELESS BODY FROM OUTER SPACE SLAMMED ITSELF AGAINST OUR ONCE SECURE WORLD..."



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FOR A WEEK, I WANDERED FROM SILENT CITY TO SILENT CITY THE WIND FLAPED THE SHATTERED DOORS, BUT NO ONE CAME OUT, A PHONE LINE WAS STILL UP, BUT I KNEW THE DISMAY OF DALING A HUNDRED NUMBERS, AND NOT HEARING ONE ANSWERING VOICE...









\*I SOON REALIZED WHY THEY DIDN'T ANSWER! MY MIND, IN 115 DESPERATION TO END MY LONEUNESS, HAD CREATED THAT UNMARMED BUILDING AND THOSE PEOPLE, BUT THEY WERE ONLY THE PROJECTIONS OF MY IMAGINATION..."











### THE BATON

THE entire world listened in Hall a newspaperman enchantment when Maestro Ricardo lifted his baton to conduct his famous orchestra. The magic of his genius intrigued audiences wherever he played. There was only one thing that the critics occasionally mentioned in their columns that put a mysterious and distasteful reaction in people's attitudes against Maestro Ricardo, This was the question of the Maestro's personality.

He was not a lovable person. His face was sour as a lemon when he spoke to anyone. His narrow eyes looked out suspiciously upon those who came into contact with him. He stalked the streets in an ancient. long black cloak, and he counted no man his friend.

The aspiring young musicians who hoped to learn something about his artistry were dis-couraged if they ever tried to meet him. Some people judged that Ricardo had spent too sheltered a childhood in musty music halls, and that in learning his art he had achieved perfection only by shutting out the warmth of life itself.

After a performance he would rush from the stand without so much as acknowledging the audience's applause. He was considered an eccentric, and excuses were made for his behavior. But as time went by even the musicians in his orchestra found it increasingly difficult to work with him. Many left their jobs. Only the first violinist. Ramon, showed unwavering tovalty to the Maestro.

One day in the Loda Concert

proached Ramon.

"It is too bad that Maestro Ricardo has been having such bad luck with his organization. If things continue this way he will shut himself out of the profession. What a pity that this great talent is doomed by his preposterous personality."

"Ah, yes," Ramon sighed, in a rare moment of admission. "I have been with him for many years. I have learned much about my art by his conducting. It is the tragedy of Ricardo's life that he has never learned the beauty of laughter. But how can one teach him? He is not relaxed. He was kept away from play as a boy, and he cannot accept people. It is much worse now.

"You are the only one who is close enough to him to talk to him," said the reporter. "Why don't you try to help him before it is too late."

"He will not even let me into his dressing room to speak with him," said Ramon. "But there is one possible way. If I secret myself there before tonight's performance I may be able to talk with him. The most I can suffer will be the indignity of being pitched out on my ear."

That evening Ramon hid behind the curtains in the Maestro's dressing room. The fierce frown on Ricardo's face when he entered was enough to make Ramon draw the curtains around him more closely. He had intended to confront Ricardo immediately, but now he was discouraged. He watched closely as Ramon sat down at

his table and pulled out the musical score of that night's performance. As soon as Ricardo's face relaxed its stony fierceness, even for a moment, Ramon would show himself and talk rapidly about why it was necessary to listen to him.

Then, as Ramon bided his time an amazing thing happened. Ricardo drew out his baton and placed it on the table in front of him. From his pocket he also lifted a small vial with a few drops of fluid left in it.

"There you are, you devil of a music stick!" said Ricardo angrily. "I have but a month's supply of fluid left to nourish you. You have twisted your musical magic for me all these years, and soon our compact will be finished. Then, I shall retire from my musical bareer . . never to play again. Does that satisfy you!"

As Ricardo uncapped the flask, a voice tingled in the room.

"I am the voice of the baton," the mysterious speaker said. "Without me you would never have achieved the success you hold in the music world. You are ungrateful, Ricardo! Would you rather have repeated the tragedy of your childhood recital?"

"Oh, no!" exclaimed Ricardo bitterly, hiding his face in his hands. "The mocking laughter of the people in that room haunts my dreams still. They ridiculed my efforts. I could not stand to hear such laughter again."

"Your music teacher was a wise man," echoed the voice. CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

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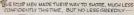
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COME ON, LET'S GET THIS THING IT D.
BACK ON THE BOAT I THIS TIME I W
I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S TIED ON TOT

SO IT CAN'T FALL OFF!

IT DIDN'T FALL OFF
I WON'T TOUCH THAT
TOTEM POLE AGAINEVER! I DON'T WANT
ANY OF THE GOLD!



YOU'RE YELLOW, ADAMS! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BACK DOWN! ALL RIGHT, GO HOME -- BUT YOU DON'T GO ON MY BOAT! YOU CAN WALK! ONCE MORE, FILLED WITH FURY AND SPITE, AL CLARK WRECKED THE OLD ESKIMO'S IGLOO -- THEN LOADED THE TOTEM ABOARD THE BOAT, AND SAILED...

DID YOU HEAR THAT OLD MAN GIVE US THE SAME STORY? IT'S HARD LUCK TO MOVE THE TOTEM! I GUESS I SHOWED HIM IT'S HARD LUCK TO MAKE ME MAD!



THIS TIME THEY SAILED FARTHER SOUTH, TO OREGON, AND DROPPED ANCHOR ... BUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING ....





THIS TIME IT WAS LEW GROVER'S TURN TO BACK DOWN! HE COULDN'T BRING HIMSELF TO TOUCH THE TOTEM WITH ITS TEN STRANGE LITTLE SCOWLING FIGURES ....



THE AGED ESKING STOOD STOLIDLY BY AS AL CLARK ONCE AGAIN TOOK OUT HIS SPITE ON THE IGLOO

SO THE TWO REMAINING ADVENTURERS LEFT ONCE MORE WITH THEIR TREASURE! IT'S MORE OF A LOAD NOW KNOWLES --WITH JUST HEAVY WITH

AL CLARK AND PETE KNOWLES WENT SLEEP-LESS FOR SOME SIXTY HOURS BEFORE. HEAVY-LIDDED, THEY GAVE IN TO THEIR EXHAUSTION ...









MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER ABOUT IT AFTER WE SELLTHE GOLD AND GET OUR MONEY! COMEON. LET'S TURN IN BEFORE I KEEL

RICH! OVER ! BUT THE NEXT MORNING THEY WERE BACK AGAIN, AND THEY HAD SHRUNK EVEN MORE ! PETE KNOWLES TREMBLED WITH FRIGHT ... ADAMS AND GROVER WERE YOU'RE JUST LIKETHEM -SMART -- THEY KNEW WHEN YELLOW! ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT ANOTHER WAY TO GET TO PULL OUT ! I'M NOT GOING ASHORE, CLARK! THAT THAT THING BACK TO THE STATES -- AND IT'LL BE ALL TOTEM'S GOT A VINX MINE! ON IT!





AL CLARK STARTED HIS BOAT, GRABBED THE WHEEL, AND WEADED FULL SPEED FOR SHORE !





DAZED AND BEWILDERED, PETE KNOWLES CRAWLED FROM THE WRECK AND HEADED SILENTLY SOUTHWARD --- AND AL CLARK GUILDING HISTORDED THE POSE AND SEED.

GUICKY UNIGADED THE DOSS AND SLED-IS BAD LICKY I'LL SHOW YOU SOME FRAMA TO MOVE SAU LICK IS VOID DON'T GUIT TO TEM! SUNING THAY, CLO MAN! MAGER AS HE WAS TO GET AWAY
WITH HIS TREASURE, AL CLARK
COULDN'T RESIST ONE LAST
DISPLAY OF ANGER....





ALL THROUGH THE DAY CLARK DROVE THE DOGS, AND HIS THOUGHTS WERE FILLED WITH THE GLITTER OF GOLD! BUT LATE AT NIGHT, WHEN HE STOPPED FOR SLEEP.





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ADAMS, I... I MAY MIGHT'VE / DONE IT USED KNOWN EXACT WORDS HE WAS







SO AS WE SAW AT THE START STEPHEN ADAMS DID COME OUT OF THAT OAK TREE AFTER A CONSIDERABLE TIME.







COME UP INTO THE TREE WITH ME, MR CRANE, INTO THE FUTURE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! GO ON, MR. CRANE, THIS A GOOD CHANCE TO PROVE HE'S A LIAR.











MUCH LATER ...













"He gave you the wizard's choice . . . the ownership of this magic baton and the fluid vial to feed it. Under my power you would never be subjected to laughter again. You would achieve a degree of musical genius in exchange for allowing the magic baton to weave its spell. Now your career is almost at an end, and the wizard upon that final day will spring into life again. It is through you that the spell will be broken, but it is a bargain you have made for your success. You will never be a great musician without the magic baton. You made a wise bargain. Now, annoint the baton, Maestro Ricardo, and we will get on with tonight's performance."

Ramon watched in amazement as Ricardo dropped the fluid upon the baton. A suffused glow traveled the length of the baton for a brief moment and then subsided, Poor Ricardo! So this was his fate! A compact he had made as a sensitive child, unable to withstand the laughter of an audience to his early blunders. The great Maestro was nothing but a slave to the evil baton. To keep the secret he had to isolate himself from people, a gradual thing that eventually had doomed him to loneliness.

Ramon was tempted to reach out and snap the baton with his fingers. But this was not the answer! Ricardo must be made to believe in himself, not the power of the baton! Ramon was still convinced that Ricardo was a great musician. If he could prove this to the Maestro the spell might be broken, and the wizard of the baton would never be nourished into life.

The next night Ramon again hid himself in the dressing room. In his pocket was an ordinary baton that he had purchased, Maestro Ricardo entered the room. As on the night before he took out the baton and the fluid vial. The prescribed minute came when to knock upon the door. Maes-t comfortingly.

tro Ricardo rushed toward the door in annoyance. Swiftly, Ramon substituted the baton and a harmless water vial. He seized the magic vial and baton from the table and dashed behind the curtains again,

"Leave me alone!" Ricardo shouted to the reporter. "I am too busy to listen to nonsense!" Ricardo returned to the table. He opened the vial.

"I do not hear your miserable voice, wizard. You are strangely silent tonight. No doubt you are thinking of your freedom!"

The Maestro left the room. and Ramon quickly followed to take his place on stage. The evening's performance was superb! Ramon watched the Maestro attentively as he led the orchestra through the score. Was it his imagination, or did the usually stern face look suddenly relaxed and youthful?

At the end of the concert Maestro Ricardo did not rush from the podium. He turned slowly towards the people and bowed! They cheered furiously as Ricardo smiled at them. The Maestro turned to walk from the stage and suddenly he crumpled into a heap. There was a startled hush. Quickly, Ramon ran forward and helped to carry Ricardo back to his room.

Ricardo lay upon the couch, pale yet serene. He opened his Ramon had asked the reporter eyes. Ramon patted his hand unchained.

"It is nothing," Maestro Ricardo murmured softly. "I have been working too hard. I must take a short vacation . . . a stay on the Riviera perhaps where I can bask in the sun and listen to the joyful laughter of the young."

"You are a great musician," said Ramon. "Tonight was your most distinguished triumph. The critics will bear me out, But there is something I must tell

you."

Ramon lowered his eyes and told the story of how he had switched the batons after overhearing Ricardo's conversation with the wizard.

Ricardo shook his head disbelievingly.

"My dear Ramon, you don't really think such a thing can be true! Why you must have dreamed this fantastic story!" Ricardo's eyes were gentle

and smiling. Ramon reached into his coat

to produce the magic baton and the vial as proof. He searched his pockets, then the lining of his vest. "It's gone!" he whispered

hoarsely. "Vanished!" "My good friend," said

Maestro Ricardo kindly, "you, too, have been working hard. You will be my guest at the Riviera for a wonderful vacation, and when we return we will amaze the audiences all over the world with a triumph of musical brilliance!"

Ramon nodded his head helplessly. As they left the room a prominent music teacher and his young protege rushed towards them.

"Maestro Ricardo . . . I beg of you to say a few words to my pupil. He is anxious to follow in your footsteps . . .

Maestro Ricardo patted the young man's curly head.

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Then, he looked towards Ramon and laughed, a musical and rollicking laugh of a man

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HE SAT THERE IN THE BLEAK SHADOWS OF THE HOBO JUNGLE, A HUMAN DERELICT LIKE THE OTHERS ABOUT HIM! BUT JOHNNY EVANS WANTED TO TALK, WANTED TO TELL WHY HIS HAIR HAD TURNED WHITE IN A FEW SHORT HOURS, AND NOW HE'D FOUND SOMEONE WHO'D LUSTEN TO HIS SECRET!

## THE THIRD ARM!



JOHNNY LOOKED UNEAGILY AT THE OTHERS! EAGER TO UNBURDEN HIMSELF, HE WAS RELUCTANT TO SHARE HIS SECRET WITH SO MANY...



NEITHER MAN SPOKE AS THEY STROLLED TO A MORE SECLUDED SPOT! MAC SUTTER NACTICED THE BAR-OFE LOOK IN JOHNNYS EYES AS THE YOUNG MAN STARTED TO TALK...









THE VAIN VICIOS MAIL DONE
OUT NITO THE SOTTOMESS
LAKE AS THE CASIE SLOWLY
LET HIM DOWN...

A STRANGE THINS ABOUT
THIS LAKE...NOBODY'S EVER
HEADE OF THERE BEING
BECAUGE THE LAKE HAS
NO BOTTOM! BUT IT'S
BOTTOM! BUT IT'S
BOTTOM! BUT IT'S
BOTTOM!

AS THE BELL WENT DEEPER INTO THE MURKY DEPTHS, JOHNNY COULD NO LONGER SEE OUTSIDE...





THE DIVING BELL HAD REACHED THE FLOOR OF THE LAKE...

FUNNY.THE PRESSURE
ON WE EXPONUES AGE LED
WATER CUTTERS! HUM.
THERE IS WONE! I.
SEEM TO BE IN SOME
SOOT OF A CAVE!

THIS MAN WHO WOULD ACCEPT ADVICE FROM NO ONE, COULD NOT CONTROL HIS CURIOSITY TO INVESTIGATE THE CAVE...



JOHNNY PRESSED ONWARD THROUGH THE MIGTY GLOOM OF THE TUNNEL UNTIL HE ENTERED INTO LIGHT! THEN...









HE PLUNGED INTO THE BLACKNESS OF THE TUNNEL.



THE CLATTER OF FEET AND JEERING VOICES GREW DIM IN JOHNNY'S EARS! HE HAD OUT OISTANCED THE THREE-ARMED MEN...ALL BUT ONE OF THEM...





JOHNNY EVANS SWOOPED UP THE GLOVE DROPPED BY THE THREE-FARMED MAN, THEN RUSHED INTO HIS DIVING BELL AND SEALED IT SHUT JUST IN TIME...



THEY GOT JOHNNY'S SIGNAL ABOVE, AND STARTED HAULING HIM UP! DURNG THE LONG ASCENT, HE STARED AT THE GLOVE, THE GRIM MEMENTO OF HIS EXPERIENCE! THEN AN HOUR LATER...









TWO WEEKS LATER, JOHNNY WAS UP AND AROUND, BUT HE WASN'T THE SAME CALLOUS, VICIOUS MAN EVERYONE IN TOWN KNEW...





CHNNY WAS AFRAID TO STAY AWAKE ... AFRAID TO SLEEP! EACH HADOW SEEMED TO HOLD SOME LURKING FORM ... BUT HE DID SLEEP

OHNNY FLED FROM THE BED-BEHND HM! HE HID IN THE ATTIC ALL NIGHT! WHEN MORNING CAME

EVANS! IT WAS A STRANGE TALE









MAC SUTTER SLOWLY OPENED HIS COAT AND GRINNED AT JOHNNY EVANS, AS HE HELD OUT HIS THIRD ARM TO THE YOUNG MAN...







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